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WISCONSIN LAND GRANT BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The St. Croix & Bayfield Land Grant bill, after a fierce debate in the House, to-day, was finally referred back to the Committee, with instructions to report an amendment thereto, to the effect that said grant shall only consist of those lands which would otherwise revert to the Northern Pacific Railroad if the bill were to be defeated in its present shape. The principal argument which has been used in favor of the renewal of the grant has been that were the road to lose the land it would not revert to the Government, but would become a part of the North Pacific Railroad by virtue of an existing loan. Mr. Stevenson, of Ohio, made one of the strongest speeches in his Congressional career in opposition to the whole system of granting away public lands to corporations. His speech had a marked effect upon the House, and was one of the chief influences which defeated the passage of the bill to-day.

THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

The Senate Finance Committee is still uncertain as to the time when the Chicago Relief Bill will be reported. Some members think it may be to-morrow and others not till Monday. Senator Scott stated to-day that in his opinion, an itemized bill would be reported. This impression seems to be growing stronger among the friends of the bill. In connection with this matter, Senator Ferry makes complaint of certain misstatements in these despatches. He says that, in reference to the future prices of lumber, he merely stated to the Committee that, in his judgment, lumber would run lower in price, in the Chicago market, this year, than last year; that he would sell his stock, for this year's millrun, for one dollar per thousand less than the average last year, and would give any person ten days to accept his proposition. He says that the statement heretofore made that several members of the Chicago Delegation dared Ferry to put that promise in writing is incorrect, and reflects unjustly upon his open proposition. He also further says that the story that Senator Chandler acknowledged that Mr. Ogden's speech showing his own vast lumber interests, was the hardest blow the enemies of the bill had yet received, was also incorrect. On this point he says Mr. Chandler himself denied that Ogden's statement that there would be 250,000,000 feet more lumber go into the Chicago market this year than last, in consequence of the burnt timber being gotten out to save it, was, in Chandler's judgment, a correct one. These corrections are made at Mr. Ferry's express request. The authority for the statement of the first instance was from members of the Chicago delegation, and as the Committee's sessions were secret, reliance was placed on it. There is also among members cordially to the Chicago bill, if it fails, to make an attempt to put lumber on the free list.

NEW YORK CUSTOM HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

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[To The Associated Press.]

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THE FRENCH ARMS.

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stating that somebody had sent him certain "Reform movement" and "Liberal Republican" documents under his (Chandler's) frank; and Mortons, and the writer expressed his astonishment thereat, and asked Chandler to send him no more documents under his frank, and the true ring. Mr. Chandler said his frank was a forgery; but as a friend he was not surprised that those engaged therein had resorted to forgery.

MORTON pronounced his frank thereto a forgery.

Mr. [illegible] in a personal explanation, said he had been sincerely unfortunate as Chandler. He had sent one of that Senator's speeches to a constituent, and had been indignantly returned, with a request that, if [illegible] honorand such sentiments, he would never send [illegible] trunk to that constituent again. (Laughter.)

JAPANESE STUDENTS' BILL.

Mr. CAMERON called up the bill to admit six Japanese youths to the West Point Military Academy.

Mr. CASSERLY opposed the bill as unwise.

The bill was postponed.

SUMNER'S RESOLUTION.

Consideration of the resolution to investigate the sale of arms to the French was taken up, and Mr. Carpenter addressed the Senate.

Mr. CARPENTER said certain American Senators were attempting to get up an excitement on a state of facts which had been known to everybody for a year or more, for the purpose of affecting the next Presidential election. The election of Mr. Sumner (Mr. Sumner had compared himself and Mr. Gunmer in this matter to Cobden and Bright on the Alabama question, but there was one great difference between the cases. Cobden and Bright did what they did to prevent their country from committing a wrong, but after the wrong had been committed, they never moved a Committee of investigation for the purpose of making out a case against their country. It had been remarked that Democratic Senators took no part in this discussion; and that fact had been attributed to a desire to let the Republicans engaged in it do all they could to injure their own party; but he had a higher motive for the Democratic party, having been a member of it as long as he could be innocently (laughter), and he was willing to give them credit for a higher motive—unwillingness to take any part in so unpatriotic a proceeding. In this connection he quoted Rufus Choate's declaration, that the Democratic party had always burned with a [illegible] resentment, exultation, [illegible] yesterday that this case naturally opened with the resolution of the French Assembly that was true, and it was to be regretted that the case, having opened in France, had not been allowed to close there. (Laughter.) Mr. Carpenter said in conclusion that he regretted this debate, because of the effect it would unlikely to have in creating a doubt as to the wisdom of naturalization. These laws were based on the theory that every naturalized citizen wholly renounced allegiance to the land of his birth, and became in the fullest sense an American citizen. But if a man coming from a foreign land, after obtaining admission to our citizenship and afterward bring elected to a seat in the United States Senate, and [illegible] to a place on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, which gave him free excess to the archives and secrets of our State Department—if such a man with all his experience and advantages could not rise above the old feeling of allegiance to his native land, then the people would naturally look upon him with less capacity and less advantages could do it.

Mr. SCHURZ asked Mr. Carpenter whether he meant to charge that he had not cast off his allegiance to any foreign country.

Mr. CARPENTER—When I want to charge that I will charge it.

Mr. SCHURZ then repeated what he had just said about a man who could not fully cast off his allegiance to his native land, but he protested against any one charging him with Kossuthism, because he had always opposed it.

Mr. SCHURZ. The Senator from Wisconsin, at the close of his speech, has raised a cry which has not been raised here to-day for the first time. When all argument is exhausted, then an appeal to prejudice is in order. Yesterday we had the general order of the day, if not defended, at least in some way justified, on the plea that foreign reporters were at the bottom of the complaint against it, and to-day we hear another scandal trotted out on a charge of corruption, defended on the ground that the attack on it is an appeal to the prejudices of foreign born citizens of this country. Gentlemen, I tell you that this will be of no avail. The people want a good and just Government. The people are rising up against corruption, wherever it shows its head, and you cannot dissuade them from their purpose by saying that the general order of business in New York is directed against foreign importers, or that this is the question which is to affect the political sympathies of German-born American citizens. It is of no avail, gentlemen, and you had better give it up.

[illegible] asked the Senator from Wisconsin whether he charged me with unpatriotic act or motive. He did it not directly, but he did it by inuendo. It would have been courageous had he stood up here and said so me. I have not cast off my allegiance to foreign power, of which you were formerly a subject, and you are at the present moment a traitor to [illegible] instead of making that charge, he used to turn it so as to give people to understand by his meaning, without having the courage to bring it forward plainly. Sir, I do not stand here to make a defence of my patriotism. I did not come to this country yesterday. I have been here for twenty years, and if the Senator from Wisconsin can point out a single instance where there was a sacrifice demanded of me that I have not made, where there was a service that I could render to that I have not rendered, I should be an act of patriotism that I could have performed that I have not performed, let him say so. No sir, this is not brought forward as something to benefit any foreign Government. I knew very well that when this discussion began it would be attempted on the part of those who imitity anything that the Administration may do to give it a turn like that, to appeal to the prejudices of the people in order to cover up what was wrong. I repeat, the gentlemen do not indulge in the delusion that the trick will not succeed. The Senator from Wisconsin wrongs me that the precedent we make here may come to please us hereafter. Precisely, sir, and let me say that if the precedent is [illegible] before civilized world, the precedent is already set, and it is our duty to break off the point of that precedent by showing that it [illegible] was committed. The people of the United States did not approve of it, and are ready to punish those who committed it. That is the duty of Congress. The Senator from Wisconsin cannot frighten me by saying "Our country, right or wrong." In a certain sense I say so to any who had been detailed by Democrats and to take charge of the Embassy during the time [illegible] "My country in the right, to be kept right; and if wrong, to be set right." [Applause in gallery.]

Mr. Corbett moved as a substitute a preamble setting forth that the whole subject had undergone a thorough discussion and an exhaustive discussion of nearly three weeks, and that none of the allegations contained in the original preamble were sustained, and offering a resolution declaring that the War Department officials were guiltless of any wrong doing in any of these transactions, and that it was the sense of the Senate that the discussion of the subject should cease. He then reviewed at length the allegations, and the evidence adduced to sustain them, and argued that they were shown to have had no foundation whatever.

Mr. CONKLING fully agreed with Mr. Corbett, and said that the substitute was eminently just and proper, but inasmuch as its adoption would prevent investigation, he appealed to the Senator to withdraw it, feeling confident that an investigation would completely explode all charges, insinuations, and imputations that had been made.

Mr. CORBETT withdrew his substitute.

Mr. HARLAN moved an amendment to the amendment offered by Mr. Conkling, since dead, since Mr. Harlan's amendment does not [illegible] to inquire whether any officer or citizen [illegible]

[illegible] said if the Senator from Massachusetts [illegible] from Missouri, South Carolina, and Louisiana, [illegible] effect would be against this committee's own argument, and have a [illegible] against the Government [illegible] amounting to millions, for [illegible] could maintain their claims by supplying France [illegible] had [illegible] besieged the siege of Paris, and thereby put her to enormous additional outlay and loss.

Mr. CONKLING said that Mr. Sumner had tried to make out a stronger case for Prussia against us than our case against Great Britain, because he had proved that France, when she got arms from us, was prostrate and unarmed, and, therefore, we had not merely furnished one of the belligerents with arms, but had [illegible] her to her feet again, and enabled her to continue the war.

Mr. MORTON continued. I shall vote for this resolution, because I know as well as I know anything that has not transpired in my own presence, that this whole inquiry is a sham and pretence without foundation whatever, and, I may say, I know it will result in the vindication of the Government; and I shall vote for this resolution for the purpose of squelching the scandals that have been scattered abroad from here for mere political effect; but if I thought there was reason to believe that the Chief of Ordnance, or anybody else in my Government, had done wrong I should not be silent. I do not believe there is any moral or patriotic obligation resting on me to go forward and make out a cause of action against my own country.

The resolution was adopted—yeas 52; nays, 3.

The following are the [illegible]: Messrs. Cole, Edmunds, Gilbert, Harlan, and Wright.

The preamble was laid on the table, all voting aye except Edmunds, who wanted it voted down directly.

Mr. MORTON and Mr. CONKLING said that Mr. Sumner's voting to lay the preamble on the table was a contradiction of his voting, which [illegible] Mr. Sumner indignantly denied.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Legislative appropriation bill was taken up, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The bill giving an extension of time to the State of Wisconsin for the completion of the railroad from Lake St. Croix to Lake Superior was taken up.

The question being on ordering it to a third reading, Mr. HOLMAN asked a unanimous consent to have the bill debated for an hour.

Mr. PETERS objected.

Mr. STEVENSON asked leave to have read a letter from the Commissioner of Public Lands.

Mr. BUCKNER objected to anything in the nature of debate or filibustering.

Mr. COX said they would now [illegible] filibuster if Mr. Holman's amendment were allowed to be offered.

Mr. HOLMAN asked leave to read a communication from [illegible].

Mr. SCHOFIELD objected.

Mr. HANKS moved to reconsider the vote by which the main question was ordered.

The motion to reconsider was rejected—yeas, 99; nays, 87.

The vote ordering the main question was then reconsidered—yeas, 101; nays, 85.

Mr. HOLMAN moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Public Lands, with instructions to amend it so as to grant Wisconsin all the lands asked for if she would insure to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company under existing laws, if the grant were not revived.

Mr. COX argued in favor of Mr. Holman's motion. He referred to the enormous growth of public opinion against railroad land grants, citing on that point the platform of both political parties in California, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, and of the late Labor Convention.

Members of Congress who were recreant to public sentiment on this point would not only hear from the people in general, but from the workingmen of the country.

Mr. STEVENSON spoke of creating monopolies by giving away timber lands which were said to be of no value, and then creating new monopolies by putting a tariff on lumber so as to make these timber lands valuable, and said that if Congress did not stop this policy of land grants in obedience to the people, he believed and trusted that the people at the next opportunity would make Congress stop it.

Mr. RAY agreed with Mr. Stevenson that it was the duty of every Representative to signalize his opposition, in the most emphatic manner, to the robbery of the national domain, and let every member record his vote, aye or no, whether the railroad land grant policy should cease or not.

Mr. SPEER (Pa.) took ground that the public domain should be kept for poor people, and for soldiers who had fought for and maintained the Government.

Mr. HOLMAN declared that this bill, which affected 2,250,000 acres, worth from $15 to $20 an acre, was a movement in favor of the Northern Pacific Railroad. He referred to the demoralizing influence of these land grants. At this point, the case of the Kansas Senators buying their seats through means of such grants, and said that, to turn the sense of the House, he should now move to lay the bill on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was rejected—yeas, 91; nays, 90.

Mr. BECK then took the floor, and defended his position in supporting the bill, his principal reason being that the people had settled along the line of road, paying the Government $2 50 an acre for it, on the faith of the grant. He would say to the gentleman who had threatened the House with the condemnation of the people that no labor convention, no intelligent laboring man who had the interest of the country at heart, would say that this land should not be reserved to the people of Wisconsin instead of being given to the Northern Pacific Railroad.

After further discussion involving the question whether Colonel Scott, President of the Southern Pacific and Pennsylvania Central Railroads, was or was not opposing this bill, and on which opinions varied, Mr. Holman again moved to lay on the table—rejected 97 to 97.

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[illegible] STEVENSON, [illegible]

Mr. HAZELTON asked that the Committee have leave to report at any time.

Mr. ROSS and others objected.

The House adjourned.

NEW YORK.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The money market is still stringent, and there is but little change in its leading features. There is a less volume than usual of currency returning from the interior, while the amount of bank reserves is much smaller than usual, and some banks, it is suspected, are running under their legal reserves. The amount and increase of legal tenders in bank since the year began is also less than ordinary. Commercial paper is dull, as there are no inducements to buy while money can be lent so profitably. On call, the rates for money today were 7 per cent currency to 7 per cent gold per annum, and 1-64 and 1-32 per diem.

GOLD.

is lower and heavier, owing to the depression of the Exchange Market, by liberal offers of borrowed sterling bills by large holders of stocks who want money. The rates were 110 2-110¾ while for carrying gold loans, 7, 6, 6¼, 6, 5 and 6 per cent have been paid.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

The foreign exchange market was heavy, and prime bankers' 60 days sterling bills could be bought at [illegible].

STOCKS.

The stock market was dull early in the day, but firmer. Afterward the general list advanced ¼ to ½ per cent, while Pacific Mail advanced from 50½ to 50¾, which had a tendency to strengthen the other stocks. Thirty-five hundred shares of Mariposa sold at 1 down to ½ of 1 per cent.

PACIFIC SECURITIES.

Central Pacific bonds closed at 102½ to 102¾, and Unions 91¼ to 91¾ for firsts; 81½ to 81¾ for land grants, and 87 to 87¼ for incomes.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

were dull but steady. At the Treasury purchase the offerings were $2,166,950, while the amount advertised was $1,000,000.

BREADSTUFFS.

There has been an improved demand for low grades of flour, which are liberally offered, and weaker in prices. Family brands are firm. No. 2 and superfine in fair request, but other grades dull. Corn is firm and less freely offered, though freights are lower, and there is a good export demand. Wheat is dull and inactive, with a small inquiry. The common qualities are easier, and prices uncertain. Business is checked by the unfavorable European advices.

TAMMANY TRYING TO REORGANIZE.

The Committee of Twenty-two, appointed by the Grand Sachem of Tammany Society, to ascertain the best method of reorganizing the Democratic party in this city, are struggling to find out the latitude and longitude, and have held two meetings at Tammany Hall this week. The proceedings, so far, have related to a personal reorganization of the ward machinery.

THE STOKES CASE.

John Graham's arraignment of the human race for being too clumsy and dishonest to try Stokes or any other murderer, which is about the same thing as his onslaught on the Grand Jury, has found a welcome in the Court of delay. The formation and make-up of that Grand Jury consumed all the time of the Court to-day.

IN MAYOR HALL'S CASE

the time was devoted to getting the twelfth juror, and to an interchange of wit and sarcasm between the counsel for the two lawyers on both sides. The dozen are now secured.

BISHOP'S EFFECTS.

Fish's 250 canary birds and his music-box were sold at auction to-day, the prices running from $1 to $5 each. The music-box, with a working model of the steamer Providence attached, and wrought in solid silver and gold, costing $2,500, was bought for $1,900 by Miss Nellie Fisette, actress and singer at the Grand Opera House.

IMPEACHMENT RECOMMENDED.

An Albany dispatch says: "The Judiciary Committee will recommend the impeachment of Judges Cardozo and Barnard."

A THREATENING OFFICIAL.

At the village of Belvidere, near Elmira, the Postmaster, Bullock, has been arrested on a charge of persistently robbing the mails in his office. In one instance a box containing 5,000 letters was rifled.

A VERDICT.

In the case of the [illegible] Mrs. Brown, by the trustees Mercer Company's dummy engine, rendered this morning, the jury found that the company was directly responsible for her death.

JUDGE CARDOZO.

One of the matters which, it is said, will be presented to the Judiciary committee against Judge Cardozo, charges him with withholding his decision in a simple case since 1870, and then, asserting that the notes of the case having been lost, he should have to claim it, and so ask for the recovery by the sister of a decedent of property left to her.

CUSTOM HOUSE AFFAIRS.

An impression is prevalent that while Leet and company may lose the general order business, they will continue to have the bonded warehouse. It is understood that the District Attorney cannot prosecute merchants who bribed the Custom House officials, on testimony taken before the Investigating Committee, the statute exempting such witnesses from liability. If independent proof adequate to conviction of the officials, it can be made the basis of suits against the merchants.

DENIAL.

Remington & Sons deny the injurious statements reproduced in this country, relative to the French arms contracts.

LUNATIC.

The St. John (Paris) crew have issued the following challenge: "We are prepared to row any four-oared crew in England or the United States, six miles, three miles to stake-boat and return, for $1,000 to $2,000 a side. If the Pittsburgh or either of the New York crews accept the challenge, we will allow them fair expenses to row at Halifax. We will allow the Winship and Chamber's English crews the usual expenses. The conditions of the race are: Race to take place at Halifax in June or July, neither boat to carry outriggers.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

Masonic.

Regular convocation of Washington Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M., this (Friday) evening at 7½ o'clock. Business and work on M. M. degree. By order of M. E. H. P.

[illegible], Secretary.

Masonic.

Oriental Lodge, No. 381, A. F. & A. M. Regular communication this (Friday) evening at 7½ o'clock for business, in the Masonic Temple, corner West Randolph and Halsted sts. By order of the Master.

E. N. TUCKER, Sec'y.

Masonic.

Regular Convocation of Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 178, R. A. M., this (Friday) evening, in their hall, corner Clinton and Twelfth sts. Work on the Royal Arch. By order of the H. P.

C. G. HOWELL, Sec'y.

I. O. O. F.

Members of Union Lodge, No. 8, are hereby notified to meet at their Hall, corner of Randolph and Clinton sts., at 11 o'clock a. m. this (Friday) day, to attend the funeral of our late Brother John Miller. Members of Rose Lodge, and all sister Lodges, are cordially invited. By order of

JAS. N. CLARK, N. G.

J. W. NICHOLSON, Sec'y.

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GENERAL NOTICES

In the Matter of the Receivership of the Ætna Insurance Company of New York.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as Receiver of the Ætna Insurance Company of New York, has declared a dividend of forty (40) per cent, payable out of the assets of said Company, and will pay said dividend on and after Monday, Feb. 26, 1872, upon the amount of adjusted claims against said Company as the office of the Receiver, 170 Broadway, in the City of New York. Information as to the method of collecting dividends and blank receipts can be obtained from Mr. G. T. RANDOLPH, No. 472 Wabash-av., Chicago.

FREDERICK A. CONKLING,

Receiver of the Ætna Insurance Co. of New York.

Dated New York Feb. 26, 1872.

Base Ball.

The stockholders of the late C. B. B. Club are requested to meet their "Committee" at 249 State-st. (opposite Field, Leiter & Co.), on Friday, March 1, at 8 p. m. sharp.

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BERNARD CASSERLY, Receiver,

New Amsterdam Fire Insurance Company.

Irving Fire Insurance Co.,

NEW YORK.

Notice to Policy Holders.

A dividend of thirty (30) per cent will be paid on claims against this Company at our office, on and after March 6, 1872.

S. M. MOORE & CO., Agents.

216 East Madison st.

To the Policy-Holders

Of the Tentonia Fire Ins. Co., of Cleveland: We are buying all adjusted claims against above Company. Parties holding such claims can receive information at our office, 67 West Lake-st., basement.

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RECEIVED THIS DAY.

MATHEWS & MASON, Tailors,

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The Latest Novelty.

ELMWOOD COLLAR,

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THE BEST STYLE,

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And can be worn longer than any other collar.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Highland Park Building Company, will be held at the office of Hon. J. C. NORTON, No. 386 Wabash-av., on Monday, April 1, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m.

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The Second National Bank has removed to its new office, at No. 61 West Washington-st.

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And all others desiring labor, can be accommodated at once by applying at the Depot of Supplies, corner of Indiana and Morgan-sts. We can furnish at short notice 500 laborers.

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The attractive features of these securities are recognized in the fact that, although they have been but a short time on the market, they are nearly all absorbed, and but a small amount now for sale.

They combine a perfect security with a liberal rate of interest. This interest account is made light for, and easily borne by, the Company through the operation of the Sinking Fund created from sales of the Company's land, which in

THE COUNCIL.

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Public Works Requested to Draft an Ordinance for the Vacation of Quincy Street.

Interesting Discussion on the Subject.

Report of the Judiciary Committee on the Lake Front Question.

A special meeting of the Common Council was held last evening, pursuant to a call signed by Ald. Raidel, McGennis, Thompson and Otis.

In the absence of the President, Ald. Holden presided. There were also present the following Aldermen: Otis, Cary, McGennis, Thompson, Stone, Schmitz, Tracy, Bailey, Bateham, Holden, Heath, Gill, Hotz, Harris, Ogden, Raidel, Schaffner, Ward, Nau—Culleton. Gardner, Sherwood, Buehler, Schmidt, Stout, Langacher, McCaffrey, Carney—3.

VACATING QUINCY STREET.

Ald. McGennis moved to reconsider the vote by which the petition of property-owners for the vacation of Quincy street was referred.

The Chair decided the motion out of order.

Ald. McGennis presented the report, heretofore published in THE TRIBUNE, as follows:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee having given the matter due consideration, find that the location of this portion of Quincy street, lying in, and running through, Block 121, could be utilized to the City, to a greater or less extent, by the United States Government, has decided to purchase said Block 121, if it be vacated, and erect a building for the use of the Post Office and Custom House.

Your Committee also find that the petition is signed by all the owners, or their representatives, of the lots fronting in Quincy street, from State street to the river, with the exception of two lots, the owners of parties are out of the city and State, and have no real estate interests in the City. Your Committee believe, as do the petitioners, that a building such as the Government will erect will be of greater benefit to the City than the dedication of a street as narrow as is this Quincy street. Your Committee prefer to deal with the United States in a great liberality, unanimity and promptness, appropriate a large sum of money, *four millions of dollars*, for the purpose of erecting thereon a building worthy of a building large enough to accommodate all its offices, and not to deal with individuals, as I feel that this would require nothing less than a whole block or square, and if upon this will proceed at once to erect a magnificent pile of buildings, ornament to the City and creditable to a great and liberal government.

Your Committee therefore report in favor of the accompanying ordinance, and would state further that what we recommend in regard to said block would have to be done for any other block or blocks that might have to be selected by the Government, not exceeding the amount of the sum named in the ordinance.

Following is the ordinance:

ALL. 1. A certain contract has been entered into between the City of Chicago and the owners of Block 121 in the School Section Addition of Chicago, whereby it is agreed to convey to the United States the said block for the location, construction, and maintenance of Government buildings thereon, provided that that portion of Quincy street fronting through and the alley through the same, shall be vacated and conveyed to the said United States, together with the lots in said block. And whereas, the proposed location, construction, and maintenance of said Government buildings upon said block will be of great public benefit to the city of Chicago.

SECTION 1. Be it ordered by the Common Council of the city of Chicago, that the portion of Quincy street between the west line of Dearborn street and the east line of Clark street, and the alley through the said Block 121, each be, and the same are hereby declared to be vacated and closed, and that so much of lots abutting upon that portion of Quincy street above described, and upon said alley, shall extend to the centre of said alley respectively, and the property of the same shall fully vest in and to the property of the respective owners of lots abutting thereon, by the conveyance or transfer of the same to the United States, shall authorize the said United States to build upon the premises aforesaid, as its own private property. Provided, however, that if such conveyance or transfer to the United States be not provided within six months within the passage hereof, this ordinance shall be null and void, and such vacation of no effect.

SEC. 2. This ordinance to be in force from and after its passage.

Ald. Schaffner moved the reference of the report to the Board of Public Works, with instructions to report back to the Council on Monday next, for the vacation of the street.

The Chair inquired how the ordinance got before the Council, and was informed that it was directly in the first place and had the ordinance originate from the Board of Public Works immediately. The Government had appropriated a sum for the purchase of a central lot and the erection of a building thereupon. The Government wanted what property owners on Quincy street the habit of doing, and asked that the street be vacated. The Council owed it to the Government to pass this ordinance, and the lots would be deeded as a guarantee of good faith. He hoped there would be no more dallying in the matter.

Ald. Holden said that there was an error on the Committee's part that the ordinance did not emanate from the Board of Public Works. The Committee on Judiciary (on Streets and Alleys) was out of town. The opposition to this matter was one of those unconscionable things and which he would offer no explanation.

Ald. Gardner seemed bitterly opposed to the ordinance. The Government had appropriated $4,000,000 for the erection of a Government building. There was a possibility that Congress might repeal the act authorizing the purchase of that site. While the delegation at Washington was struggling for the passage of the Chicago Relief and Aid bill, he pitied any Alderman who did not do enough to oppose the vacation of this paltry alley.

Ald. Sherwood said there was a cat in this meal. By the ordinance the Council was asked to surrender Quincy street, not to the Government, but to the City Council, to be sold to property-owners. Now it either belongs to the city or not. There were some things he did not understand. The ordinance had been appropriated for a use it was understood; also that a Committee on Condemnation had been appointed to condemn property for this purpose. Everything had an option of 24 lots. The bids had been kept very secret, indeed. He would like to know why the Board of Public Works had not called either and more valuable lots had been offered for less than the sum offered for the Bigelow lot. He was not in favor of unconstitutional. He was Constitutional lawyer enough to know that. Governor Palmer would not give his assent to the ordinance in its present form. He could see there was a ring in this thing. There was something mysterious about it. It was well known that there was competition for the Bigelow property even after the fire. They took the Postmaster by the collar and located him. They were down at Burlington Hall. Was that to benefit the city? The next step was to get the Board of Trade there. In that they failed. Then they tried to get the banks over there, and succeeded. If they wanted the city to give up that ground, he opposed it. He hated this sectional feling. The city was unfortunately divided by the river, and if a sectional issue were to be forced, the West Division would unite and themselves in a very small minority, for the West Division contained a majority of citizens.

Ald. Raidel said that the Council knew it was the duty of the Council to refer it to the Board without further action. He didn't see the necessity for discussion.

Ald. Schaffner said he knew his motion was in order. It was simply a request to the Board to have the ordinance drawn. He knew they had no feelings or position of any Alderman who opposed the vacation of the street. The question of being a Bigelow lot, or any other lot, or part of it, abutting upon that portion of Quincy street above described, had upon said alley, shall extend to the centre of said alley respectively, and the property of the same shall fully vest in and to the property of the respective owners of lots abutting thereon, by the conveyance or transfer of the same to the United States, shall authorize the said United States to build upon the premises aforesaid, as its own private property. Provided, however, that if such conveyance or transfer to the United States be not provided within six months within the passage hereof, this ordinance shall be null and void, and such vacation of no effect.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

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THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 29.

To bring the close of the month, the settlements in the grain trade have made a little more activity in the demand for money in this market. Those who have grain coming to them on option trades maturing to-day, have been making arrangements to pay for it. Bankers, however, have pretty generally adopted the rule of obliging these borrowers to take the loans for thirty days, instead of following the custom which has prevailed heretofore, of lending them the currency for two or three days to settle up their option trades, and getting next to nothing for the loan.

Otherwise than the temporary activity mentioned above, business continues quiet in this market. The supply of loanable funds is fair, and all first-class borrowers get money without difficulty.

Exchange continues weak, and sold as low as 70c per $1,000 discount. This, however, was probably below the market, and more was sold at 80c per $1,000.

The official call for a statement from the National Banks, showing their condition on the evening of the 27th, took those institutions somewhat by surprise, though it is believed they will all show a favorable condition. Their loans are now perhaps higher in the aggregate than they have ever been, but their deposits are also higher.

The decline of gold to 110, to-day, seems to be due partly to a more favorable view of the Alabama difficulty.

"SWEETS."

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1871, the total imports of sugar of all qualities, and at all the ports of the United States, were 1,231,882,200 pounds, on which the aggregate duties paid were $20,957,656, or an average of about 2 cents per pound. During the same period there were imported 37,-961,021 gallons of syrups of different qualities, on which the aggregate duties paid were $2,844,482, or an average of almost 8 cents per gallon. The total tax paid on foreign "sweets" is shown to be $23,588,138. But the statistics of the consumption of all kinds of sugar in the United States show, that in the calendar year 1871 nearly 200,000,000 pounds of domestic sugar was consumed, in addition to the stock of foreign. The tariff of 1 cents per pound on foreign sugar has, of course, the effect to increase the price of domestic sugar to just the amount of the tax. The total tax paid by the consumers of sugar is therefore nearly $40,000,000, though only $23,000,000 of it is collected by the Government. The estimated cost of the revenue service to collect the duties is 37 per cent. If therefore, we deduct 37 per cent for expenses from the amount collected it leaves $14,612 to go into the Treasury, notwithstanding that the tariff on sweets raises from the people nearly twice the additional cost.

Secretary Boutwell has recommended a reduction in gross, how and to be distributed, which is necessary, seeing that the receipts for the former treaty was that suffered so is entitled to any reduction of the revenue. Whether Congress will be asked to authorize all to advertise for bids for the sale of 6 per cent bonds, or to offer them at par, is not definitely known. With ordinary facilities might be slaughtered each year to the value of over $1,000,000 a

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ch to The Chicago Tribune.

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Lake freights were in good demand, and again a shade firmer. Owners asked 13c for corn by sail to Buffalo, and 15c for do to Oswego; 19c and 20c by rail. No charters were reported.

Engineers were dull and nominally easier. Early there were buyers at 8½c, and holders asking 9c, but later in the day the market was bare, and the orders here were withdrawn. Our market closed nominal at 8½c.

Dressed hogs were very quiet at yesterday's prices. There were few received—only 831 head, and only a portion of these, with some left over yesterday, were offered for sale. The market was bare of stock, so it is scarcely safe to depend on a there is no trade steadily below the freezing point, with the sun only ten degrees from the equator. A lot of salt-cured were sold to day at $5 00@5 10, for seed packing; and for choice shipping lots, a few soft sold at $5 20.

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THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 29.

The following were the receipts and shipments of flour, grain, and produce for the past twenty four hours:

	Received.		Shipped.	
	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	8,430	11,261	5,237	11,535
Wheat, bu	2,783	12,230	5,724	2,387
Corn, bu	49,980	2,300	18,314	4,785
Oats, bu	45,941	21,911	13,875	1,781
Rye, bu	1,530	1,777	800	1,734
Barley, bu	8,709	3,890	9,580	1,781
Grass seeds, lbs	105,200	88,085	143,000	41,000
Flax seed, lbs		7,520		40,000
Broom corn, lbs	20,510	118,300		86,020
Pork, brls	2,000	31,014	1,221	23,431
Beef, brls	46	162	195	110
Cut meats, lbs	191	156	156	300
Lard, lbs	100,350	65,000	45,000	227,300
Tallow, lbs	11,300	10,750	41,000	
Butter, lbs	36,105	27,105	9,150	18,855
Cheese, lbs	2,250	2,000	677	200
Live hogs, No	10,162	7,090	6,366	3,334
Cattle, No	1,429	2,251	1,083	931
Sheep, No	2,300	1,834	993	610
Hides, lbs	89,345	117,598	38,884	103,609
Highwines, brls	156	133	456	707
Wool, lbs	65,000	28,200	5,724	56,203
Potatoes, bu	600	985		
Coal, tons	718	140	483	16,34
Shingles, m	239	1,650	1,000	1,385
Lath, m	140	12	10	54
Salt, brls	145	140	1,905	697

Withdrawn yesterday for city consumption: 75 bu wheat; 320 bu oats; 870 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 2 cars wheat, 1 cars corn; 23 cars oats; 4 cars barley. Total, 175 cars, or 70,000 bu.

There was a full attendance on 'Change to-day, and a little more doing, but prices were generally lower, a result of heavy receipts and of reports from many of the markets. Being the last day of the month there were numerous deliveries to be prepared for, hence a good deal of shuffling around, and considerable selling up to prepare stock for delivered to-morrow. There was little trading outside of this.

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Europe; but it was firmer to-day for the simple reason that it was so far over lower in Liverpool, was bragged down by sympathy with pork, and that the gold premium was lower. Lard declined 10c per 100 lbs to-day, while pork fell off but little more than 5c per bbl. Meats were very dull, the day being the weakest of the season. Buyers anticipate easier prices, and besides that they are careless about taking hold, seeing that car room is scarce. Meanwhile receipts of hogs continue good, and prices are well sustained. The regular packing season closes to-day, and there will not probably be many more hogs put up, as there is not much inducement to the packers to continue. The following was the closing range of quotations: Mess pork, cash, $13 75; seller April, $13 85; do seller May, $13 95@13 97½; do seller June, $14 12½; do seller July, $14 30@14 32½; do seller August, $14 45@14 47½; do seller September, $14 60@14 62½; do seller October, $14 75@14 77½; do seller November, $14 90@14 92½; do seller December, $15 05@15 07½; do seller January, $15 20@15 22½; do seller February, $15 35@15 37½; do seller March, $15 50@15 52½. Lard, cash, $8 12½; do seller April, $8 20; do seller May, $8 27½@8 27½; do seller June, $8 35@8 37½; do seller July, $8 42½@8 45; do seller August, $8 50@8 52½; do seller September, $8 57½@8 60; do seller October, $8 65@8 67½; do seller November, $8 72½@8 75; do seller December, $8 80@8 82½; do seller January, $8 87½@8 90; do seller February, $8 95@8 97½; do seller March, $9 02½@9 05. Short ribs, cash, $7 50@7 52½; do seller April, $7 60; do seller May, $7 70@7 72½; do seller June, $7 80@7 82½; do seller July, $7 90@7 92½; do seller August, $8 00@8 02½; do seller September, $8 10@8 12½; do seller October, $8 20@8 22½; do seller November, $8 30@8 32½; do seller December, $8 40@8 42½; do seller January, $8 50@8 52½; do seller February, $8 60@8 62½; do seller March, $8 70@8 72½. Short clear, cash, $8 00@8 02½; do seller April, $8 10; do seller May, $8 20@8 22½; do seller June, $8 30@8 32½; do seller July, $8 40@8 42½; do seller August, $8 50@8 52½; do seller September, $8 60@8 62½; do seller October, $8 70@8 72½; do seller November, $8 80@8 82½; do seller December, $8 90@8 92½; do seller January, $9 00@9 02½; do seller February, $9 10@9 12½; do seller March, $9 20@9 22½. Boxed Cumberlands (city), short pickled hams, 7½@7¾c. Bacon quoted at 8½c for shoulders; 9½c for short rib; 10c for short clear; and 11c for hams. Meas beef, $8 75@9 00; extra mess beef, $10 75@11 00. Beef hams, $23 00. City mess pork, $16 00. Sales were reported of 3,500 brls mess pork, seller March, or cash, at $13 21½; 250 brls do at $13 15; 500 brls do at $13 20½; 1,000 brls do at $13 25; 400 brls do at $13 12½; 1,000 brls do seller April, at $13 45; 1,000 brls do at $13 40; 1,500 brls do at $13 50; 1,000 brls do seller May, at $13 97½; 500 brls do at $13 90; 1,000 brls do at $14 00; 1,000 brls do seller April at $13 85; 1,000 brls do at $13 80; 1,000 brls do at $13 75; 1,000 brls do seller May

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THE KANSAS SENATORIAL ELECTION.

The report of the Joint Committee of the Kansas Legislature on the subject of the corruption attending the election of Mr. Pomeroy to the Senate of the United States in 1867, and of Mr. Alexander Caldwell in 1871, tells its own story. This report is not the production of partisans. It was made by a Committee of both houses of the Legislature, and of both political parties, and was agreed to unanimously. There was no dissenting opinion, no one person brave enough, in the face of the mass of testimony, to express a doubt or an extenuation. The report deals lightly with the election of 1867, because of the inability, at this distance of time, to reach the witnesses, but the facts which the Committee were able to obtain are remarkably suggestive; and the Committee feel warranted in declaring that at that election a large sum of money was used and attempted to be used in bribing and attempts to bribe and influence the members of the Legislature to secure the election of S. C. Pomeroy, E. G. Ross, and Thomas Carney, by S. C. Pomeroy, Thomas Curry, Perry Fuller, and others in their employ. The Thomas Curry here referred to was Governor of Kansas at the time, and was not elected Senator. Pomeroy was elected Senator for six years, and Ross was elected to fill a vacancy. The Committee further state that at that time one M. W. Reynolds edited a paper at Lawrence, and that, in consideration of his using the paper in the fall of 1866, to elect Sidney Clarke to Congress, and S. C. Pomeroy to the Senate, these two persons paid him $1,000 cash and executed their joint note for $2,000 additional. Mr. Pomeroy subsequently paid him $250 in cash. When the notes became due they were not paid, and Reynolds instituted suit therefor. Messrs. Pomeroy and Clarke pleaded that the consideration for the notes was illegal, and the Court sustained the plea. Reynolds then appealed the case to the Supreme Court of Kansas, and, pending the hearing of the case, Pomeroy and Clarke being in Congress, he, Reynolds, was appointed Register of the Land Office at Neodesha, and he then dismissed his appeal. From affidavits made by Clarke and Pomeroy, the money paid and the notes executed by them were "to advance Republicanism in Kansas, and to secure a Republican victory." Considering the fact that Kansas was, and had been always overwhelmingly Republican, the sacrifice of money was most extraordinary, and yet, as they refused to pay the note, alleging that the consideration was illegal, it leaves these gentlemen in the attitude of having consented and promised to expend money to advance Republicanism in Kansas, which upon oath they declare to have been an illegal and fraudulent transaction!

In relation to the Senatorial election in 1871, the Committee are able to be more specific. Sidney Clarke was again a candidate, and as a preliminary proceeding rented eighty rooms in the hotel at the State Capital. He also rented in another building a suite of rooms, in which were kept a supply of refreshments free to the members of the General Assembly, and which rooms received the popular designation of "soup-house." He deposited $2,500 in the bank, which, with $1,000 additional, were drawn out by his friends. He offered offices, and the payment of expenses of contingents, to members of the Legislature for their votes for him as Senator; and the Committee state several specific sums offered for votes. Persons named R. S. Stevens, P. T. Abell, and D. M. Adams acted for, and by authority of, Mr. Clarke, and Adams used Clarke's money, with some received from Alexander Caldwell, to pay the expenses of the soup-house. Mr. Caldwell was also a candidate, and had for his friends Lou. T. Smith, James L. McDowell, Thomas Carney, and others; that McDowell had the promise of the Leavenworth Post Office, then held by a soldier's widow; that Smith gave Carney a check for $7,000 two days before the election; that quite an extensive change of greenbacks took place during these days; that a draft for $10,000 on the Kansas Pacific Railway Company was cashed at the same time. The Committee allege that the testimony shows that Mr. Caldwell claims that the Kansas Pacific Railway Company, by its agents, promised at the time to give him "$30,000 as its share of the expenses of that election, or as its bonus for his influence as a United States Senator;" that Caldwell demanded and important Director of that Company to pay him the money; that the parties met at Leavenworth; that the agents of the Company denied the promise; that, on the 24th of January, the day preceding the election, the Caldwell managers did receive large sums of money; that money was paid to members of the Legislature; that George Smith alone paid out $30,000 to members of the Legislature, upon a promise that it should be refunded him by Caldwell; that Caldwell promised Federal appointments and that since his election has declared that it cost him $60,000; that he offered to pay Clarke's expenses, in case Clark withdrew in his favor. Upon this record, of which we have only given an epitome, the Committee declare that "Alexander Caldwell used bribery and other corrupt and criminal means, by himself and his friends, with his full knowledge and consent, to secure his election in 1871 to the United States Senate."

The Committee report that the most important witnesses, being actors in this corruption, are fugitives from the State in order to avoid the process of the Legislature, and that their "absence is for a cash consideration paid to at least two of them."

No such disgraceful record has ever been presented to the country in the case of any State Legislature. The time has been, and it ought to be so now, that no person would be allowed to hold a seat in the Senate or House when accused of having been elected by corrupt means, without demanding an examination. The Legislature of Kansas has done an act of public justice. It deserves the thanks of the nation. The Committee making this report was composed of personal and political friends of Clarke, Pomeroy, and Caldwell, but the testimony was overwhelming, and, like honorable men, faithful to the duty they owed to the public, they have published the facts, and have exposed the guilt of all concerned. The Senate of the United States has now its duty to perform. The State of Kansas has, in an official form, certified the facts to the Senate. Can that body ignore the report? Can it shut its eyes to this array of testimony? This is no partisan movement. There are no rebels or Ku-Klux assailing virtuous loyalty. The accused and the accusers, like the Senate itself, are all loyal men, all Republicans. There will be no political change in the Senate if these men lose their seats. Their successors will be Republicans. There is, therefore, no reason why the Senate should not promptly vindicate its character by immediate action on this subject.

The most extraordinary legal investigation that ever took place is now going on in New York City. Stokes was indicted for the murder of Fisk, and the Court empanelled a jury to try him. By some kind of hocus-pocus, the defendant has been converted into a prosecuting witness, and the Grand Jury that indicted him has been put on trial. The case has now been in progress a week or more; and, as there are twenty-three Grand Jurors, it may be two or three months before they are all cross-examined. The most surprising part of the proceeding is, that the unfortunate and persecuted Stokes is kept a prisoner, while the villainous Grand Jurors are neither under bail nor arrest. To be consistent, the Court ought to give Stokes his liberty, and put the jury under arrest.

THE BRITISH "CASE" AT GENEVA.

The British "case" has at last been submitted to the Arbitrators at Geneva, and makes a plain argument in defence, which stands in marked contrast to our "case," in the directness and comprehensiveness with which the question is considered. It meets our claims and argues them fairly and squarely, without evading or quibbling. The conclusion of the "case" contains the pith of the argument. The Government refrains from any discussion intended to sustain its own position, and simply presents considerations to the judgment of the Tribunal, reserving the discussion until the comparison of cases shall definitely determine the exact points in dispute between the two Governments. With regard to the real question at issue, the "case" says:

> The United States Government professes to have the right to pecuniary indemnity for the claims which it says resulted from the acts of these vessels, that is to say, the warlike operations carried on by them or by officers of these ships by the persons who had them in their possession. It is evident that a pretension of this nature is such that Her Majesty's Government, animated as it is with the most amicable sentiments toward the United States, could not, in virtue of the respect it owes to its own rights, and those of neutral nations in general, consent to admit, since it believes that it is not founded on justice. What it (the United States Government) professes to claim is a matter of absolute right; and such claim can only be made valid by establishing clearly that an international obligation, due to the United States by Great Britain, had been violated by her; and further, it should be demonstrated that appreciable injury resulted directly to the United States, by reason of which Great Britain owes them pecuniary compensation.

This statement of course has reference only to the direct claims, and presents the position of the English Government clearly and unmistakably; and, on this point, the United States will join issue, and with justice on her side, as we believe. As far as this point is concerned, there is no bar to proceedings, and no exceptions will be taken, as the mutual agreement of the two countries, contained in the Washington Treaty, submits it to the Geneva Tribunal for final decision. Whatever damages the Court shall assess must satisfy both parties to the suit, and from it there lies no appeal.

Since the inception of the negotiations, however, the question really at issue has been complicated, if not jeopardized, by the supplementary demand for indirect damages, with regard to which the English case says:

> In this statement Her Majesty's Government has had to contend against an unavoidable disadvantage—it has had to reply to an argument not yet submitted. When that shall have been submitted and the claims of the United States shall be defined precisely, Her Majesty's Government will exercise the right conferred by Article VI. of the Treaty, to submit to the Tribunal an additional or more extended statement of facts as the case may exact.

This claim for indirect damages was not thought of when the matter was brought to the attention of Reverdy Johnson, nor was it included in the instructions to his predecessor, Mr. Adams. It was first broached in Mr. Sumner's speech in the Senate, and has been smuggled into the "case," as a piece of sharp practice, by Mr. Bancroft Davis. Out of the United States, even among nations friendly to us, it has met with severe condemnation, and exposed us to the imputation of being shysters. The Cologne *Gazette* very pertinently and truthfully says that respectable nations never set up a claim for more than they are entitled to. It is a species of pettifogging unworthy of a great nation, and it is specially deplorable that it should have been introduced in the very first attempt to settle great international differences by arbitration rather than the sword,—a mode of settlement upon which the President justly felicitated himself in his last Annual Message. There can be no doubt that Mr. Bancroft Davis has seriously compromised the "case" of the United States, and has overwhelmed himself in trying to drive a sharp bargain. He has been caught in his own trap, and the apparently adroit quibble has turned out to be a serious blunder, which has prejudiced our own "case." If we had prepared and presented a claim for legitimate losses, and brought it to trial upon a fair and square issue of fact, it could have been tried without prejudice, and have been removed from the docket before this. The Government should not allow its own reputation to be compromised and its just claim prejudiced by any such shystering. It should disavow it at once, and press only a just claim. Of course, England will not pay these imaginary damages. No one expects her to,—not even Mr. Bancroft Davis himself. England will not only not pay indirect damages, but she will not be a party in any case involving them, and this puts the negotiations back *in statu quo*. The closing paragraph of the English case is pertinent to this emergency:

> Whether the decision of the tribunal is or is not favorable to her, Great Britain is ready to yield to the decree. She has only one wish—that it be just. She raises only one pretension—that it be founded on a faithful and equitable interpretation of the rights of man, and on principles which herself and all other Powers will not repent of recognizing and observing, either as neutrals or belligerents, in the time to come.

The United States should echo that wish. She cannot afford to ask now for more than she has heretofore set up as the measure of her damages. She cannot afford to establish a principle which she certainly will "repent of recognizing and observing, either as neutral or belligerent, in the time to come." Least of all can she afford to appear in the *rôle* of a pettifogger in this great international arbitration, which has been instituted in the cause of humanity as well as of justice, and for the purpose of showing the nations of the earth that there are better ways of settling their grievances than by resorting to war. The sooner the Government disavows any such shallow quackery, the better will it be for itself and its claims. We are among those who heartily applauded the Treaty of Washington, and who congratulated the President on his part in bringing it about. We regret that so important and notable a work should be frustrated at the eleventh hour by the awkwardness of those who had charge of its details.

The latest literature of any weight on the question of the Alabama claims seems to be ex-President Woolsey's article in the *Independent*, and Judge C. C. Nott's reply thereto in the *Nation*. Dr. Woolsey's position is, in brief, as follows: The proceedings of the Geneva Tribunal are not amenable to the common law; they are to be controlled by the principles laid down in the Treaty of Washington, and only by those; at common law, if a case is once decided by a Court, the settlement is a full and complete discharge from all liabilities, direct and indirect; since, however, this case is beyond the sphere of the common law, we can waive the question of consequential damages for the present, leave the Geneva Tribunal award as a sum in satisfaction of our claim for direct damages, and then revive the other claim, if it were deems best to do so. To this, Judge Nott replies: "I am aware that the controversies of nations are not in all things governed by the analogies [of municipal law, and that the principles of international law must be applied untrammelled by many of its restrictions. This declaration is followed by the argument that, if we submit any part of our case to the Geneva Tribunal, we must take the award therefor in satisfaction for all our claims for damages, direct and indirect, *because* the Supreme Court of the United States has decided that, by the common law, if a case is submitted to arbitration, the decision must be final in regard to every point involved. In other words, Judge Nott rules out the common law, and then bases his argument upon it. Dr. Woolsey seems to have the better of the controversy.

The amendments made to the Burnt Records bill, according to our telegraphic report, cover two or three of the most important defects to which we have heretofore called attention, but leave some objectionable features still untouched. They leave the decree of title so that it may be opened at any time, if obtained by fraud or perjury, instead of requiring the application on these grounds to be made within eighteen months. They provide that the rights of minors and lunatics shall not be cut off by the decree. We are not informed of the nature of the "other amendments adopted." It is possible that they provide for a more thorough and effective mode of notifying parties in interest, including the personal service of notice of the proceedings on persons in possession of the premises, and on all interested parties residing in the State, and on non-residents, by publication and mailing where the Post Office address is known. With these amendments, the Legislature may safely authorize a decree which shall be good against all the world, with the exceptions above named. And with these amendments we believe the passage of the law would be productive of the very best results among owners of titles affected by the fire.

Mr. Foss' bill for the suppression of gambling, which passed the Senate on Wednesday, was signed by the Governor yesterday, and will go into effect on the 1st of July ensuing. The bill is sweeping in its provisions, and, if properly enforced, as it should be, will do much to make the keeping of a gambling house very unpopular, however large the profits may be, as the first offence involves a fine, the second, imprisonment in jail, and the third, imprisonment in the Penitentiary. The text of the bill is as follows:

> SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That whoever keeps a common gambling house, or in any building, booth, yard, or garden by him or his agent used and occupied, procures or permits any person to frequent, or to come together to play for money or other valuable thing, at any game, or keeps, or suffers to be kept any tables or other apparatus, for the purpose of playing at any game or sport, for money, or any other valuable thing, shall, upon conviction for the first offence, be fined not less than one hundred dollars, and for the second offence be fined not less than five hundred dollars, and be imprisoned in the County Jail not less than six months, and for the third offence shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars, and be imprisoned in the Penitentiary not less than two years, or more than five years.
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> SEC. 2. Section 127 of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes of 1845, entitled "Criminal Jurisprudence," is hereby repealed; but the repeal of said section shall not affect any rights or liabilities existing, or suits pending at the time this act takes effect.

The recent developments in South Carolina, Georgia, and other Southern States show pretty conclusively that Gubernatorial postitions in that section of the country are anything but sinecures. And now comes Florida to the front with a string of very damaging accusations against Governor Reed. It embraces an over-issue of $398,000 of State bonds; a fraudulent issue of $1,000,000 of the same bonds; a fraudulent issue of $4,000,000 of bonds for a railroad company; an issue of $1,000,000 to David L. Yulee; a conspiracy with one Littlefield to embezzle; an actual embezzlement of $20,000 of public funds; a conspiracy to defraud the State of $15,000; a substitution of $1,140 in depreciated State scrip for the same amount in Federal currency, and the acceptance of a bribe of $10,000. In exact figures, these separate frauds foot up the amount of $6,574,140. Hitherto Florida has always been considered as finally decided to give up his tutors and join the school of the Messrs. Allen at West Newton, boarding in the family and roughing it with his fellow students.

—Mrs. Ann Styles, the Windsor Locks (Conn.) poisoner, has been removed to the Insane Hospital, on the ground that she is insane and incapable of pleading to any of the charges brought against her. She is still in the custody of the Sheriff of Hartford County, and subject to the call of the Court. Judge Pardee ordered her removal to Middletown.

—Neal Brown is thus biographed by a Raleigh, (N. C.) paper: "When Andy Johnson left this city, a poor tailor boy at old Litchford's shop, Neal Brown went out with him for two or three miles, and carried on his back, wrapped up in an old piece of carpet, all the worldly goods the poor tailor boy possessed. They shook hands under an old tree three miles from here and separated. Andy became Governor, Senator, and President. Neal lived quietly and worked hard. Andy Johnson never went back on his little tailor friend, even when he was President."

—Alfred Waddington, who died at Ottawa, Ont., on Sunday last, spent nine years in endeavoring to find a passage for a railroad from some point on the shores of British Columbia to the Saskatchewan Valley. The Government of British Columbia donated to him the only town site at the head of Bute's Inlet, consisting of 320 acres. His route, starting from the head waters of Bute's Inlet, traverses the Bute Inlet Valley the whole way to the Leather Head Pass, and is of so comparatively level a nature as to present no obstacle whatever to the building of a railroad.

—Olive Logan writes as follows to the New Orleans *Times*:

> A propos of a paragraph in the *Times* of yesterday, about the women's rights women and their memorial, I am moved to ask you, since I am soon coming to New Orleans—and to rank myself with the women who choose to use flutters and Woodhulls to accomplish their ends—I have found that in some sections exists a wrong impression exists in this matter, and that until I have had an opportunity to address the people, and thereby to testify to the fact that I am what I am, they persist in deeming me other than what I am. I have taken the opportunity offered me recently by a challenge thrown down before me by the free love crew of whom Mrs. Woodhull is the bright exemplar, to say, in the plainest of plain words, that I am *against* that crew, and shall be. I have never uttered one word in public that was not calculated to aid the cause of old-fashioned virtue, and, God helping me, I never will.

—Some years since a teller in a prosperous Hartford bank resigned his position to retire to a farm which he had purchased and stocked by his savings. As he was a trusted and much-esteemed officer, the Directors passed complimentary resolutions to his worth and voted him a handsome present. The day after the receipt of the gift he summoned a meeting of the Directors, and after thanking them warmly for their remembrance, and assuring them that, deeply sensible of their confidence, he would repose similar confidence in them, confided to them that he had for years been in the habit of speculating with the funds of the bank, but, fortunately, with such success that he always replaced them, and now stated the fact simply that precautions might be taken against a similar course on the part of his successor.

—A correspondent of the Boston *Journal* thus describes the homestead of Thaddeus Stevens:

> It is of humble pretensions, brick, two stories and a half high, and has served for a long time as a tavern. Attached to the dwelling is a plain brick building, two stories high, which was peculiarly Mr. Stevens' home. Here he had a room where his law office. They remain as he left them. The rooms are divided by a hall, and in both of these both rooms are lined with oak book shelves, and are crowded. The carpet, frayed and faded, about a foot of wear, the lounge, Boston rocking-chair was his favorite seat. The lounge, covered with green worsted, under which a spring bed, is, or has been in use over a quarter of a century. The hall way of the two rooms is large and commodious. A dining room in the rear of the hall has not been refurnished for a quarter of a century. The broad stairway leads to Mr. Stevens' sleeping apartments, which were over the law offices. A parlor and bedroom comprise all the rooms. The bedroom has on it two pictures of his last visit to Washington. The dust of years covers everything, and has never been disturbed. A few portraits of friends, statuary, and favorite books line the walls, and an air of comfort and homeliness pervades the place.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Over the western half of the Atlantic Ocean there are three times as many storms as over the eastern side.

—The police force of St. Louis comprises 372 men, of whom 122 are Americans, 113 Irish, and 98 Germans.

—The steel-bound mails arriving at San Francisco on Feb. 20 filled 750 bags, and were distributed in 24 hours.

—Mr. Polegrove, of Fort Scott, Kan., has in one year raised from the seed a grove of soft-maples four feet high.

—Dr. J. P. Barnum, of Frankfort, Ky., has the reflector from the first steam engine brought over to the Kentucky side of the Ohio River.

—During six days of last week, at New Orleans, 143 steamers and schooners entered the basin of the new canal, from the seaboard and piney-woods region.

—Farmers about Dayton, O., have tapped sugar orchards, and the sap is running freely. There will probably be a large yield of maple sugar and molasses in the Miami Valley.

—Augusta, Georgia, has an ordinance forbidding the storage of guano in city limits, under a penalty of $500. The merchants object, and the matter threatens to be carried to the Supreme Court.

—The ship-owners of the Maritime Provinces are becoming alive to the opening afforded for a large trade between Canada and the West Indies. Additional ships will be employed in the trade during the forthcoming season.

—At St. Joseph, Mo., on Sunday night, a singular light, resembling a large sized gas-light, was observed in the steeple of the colored Methodist E. Church. It is supposed to have been produced by electricity.

—The lock at Saltsburg, on the old Pennsylvania Canal, is now being taken away by the Central Railroad Company, and a part of it will be used in the erection of a soldiers' monument in the Edgewood Cemetery at Saltsburg.

—What has become of the old-fashioned doughnuts which our mothers used to keep in the old stone crock behind the pantry door, and one of which went further in preserving quiet in the family than four barrels of soothing syrup will now?

—Petrified trees have been found in a bog at Waterford, Vt. In two instances, one huge pine stump was found resting upon another, indicating that the latter tree grew after the first had fallen, the seed having been deposited on its stump.

—Some jealous scoundrel attempted to poison an expectant bride in Oswego the other day by means of a package of cake flavored with arsenic, which was sent to her room the night before her wedding, with a request that she would dream upon it.

—The *Journal of Applied Chemistry* recommends the use of a small quantity of carbolic acid in paste for laying paper-hangings and in whitewash. It will neutralize the disagreeable odor consequent upon the decomposition of the paste, and also repel cockroaches and other insects.

—A remonstrance, signed "Many Merchants," has been filed at the Central Police Station, New Orleans, against the use of water from the Old and New Basins for sprinkling the streets. It is contended by the remonstrators that the water thus obtained is putrid, and calculated to breed disease.

—A child recently made its advent upon this sphere of usefulness in Windsor, Vermont, to find himself unusually fortunate in the matter of living ancestors. He has two grandmothers and two grandfathers, four great grandmothers, and four great grandfathers, besides great aunts and uncles almost innumerable.

—A plan is under consideration in Southbridge, Mass., for a joint stock company to construct a telegraph line to Worcester, there to connect with the Franklin Telegraph Company's wires. The latter company will pay a percentage on all business brought to them. The expense of a line from Southbridge to Worcester would be about $3,000.

—Corundum is now obtained of the best quality, in the mountain region of North Carolina. It is identical in substance with sapphire and ruby, and is the hardest form of matter known except the diamond, having a cutting power, compared with the latter, of 90 to 100, while that of emery is only 37. It will consequently polish every substance but the diamond, and even that when rapid friction is applied.

—Clark King, of East Montpelier, Vt., an old butter dealer, stated before the State Board of Agriculture at its session in Montpelier last week that only 30 per cent of the Vermont butter taken to market ruled as first-class. He said that the great mistake was that the cream was allowed to stand too long, and laid down for the dairy-woman this code: "Skim early, churn early, and sell early."

—The officers and directors of the Methodist congregation on Jefferson street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth, Louisville, have divided their newly-purchased church lot into one foot sections, with the view of allowing each member to pay for one of these sections. The remainder around the number of feet in front (80) are about equal, and the money will thus be raised without any trouble.

—E. A. Trapp, of San Francisco, has invented an apparatus by which railroad switches and signals are placed under the control of the engineers of locomotives. In its general nature it consists in moving the switch tongues by wire ropes or chains connecting with shifting bars placed on both sides of the track, outside of the rails, at a considerable distance from the switch each way, and operated by one or more set-levers under the control of the operator on the locomotive or car.

—At Nashville, last Friday night, a negro named Virginia died while attending a colored church services, and was laid out and duly watched by his brethren. About 5 o'clock next morning he came to life, and there was a lively stampede of the watchers, some screaming, some praying, and one falling down an embankment, sprinking his arm and getting an ugly gash on the forehead. The darkies consider it a veritable resurrection.

—A New England engineer lately dreamed that one of the forward trucks of his engine was cracked. When he awoke he had a premonition that his dream might prove true, and thought he would go down to see that everything was all right. On examining the engine as the engine house, he found the truck precisely in the same condition as he had seen in his dream, and another engine had to be substituted in its stead.

—Richard S. True, teacher of music in the Hartford public schools and leader of the choir at the First Baptist Church, was arrested on Saturday for seducing Miss Emma A. Seamans, who also belonged to the First Baptist choir. Miss Seamans gave birth to a child a few days ago, and True, though at first denying all responsibility for the affair, is reported to have retracted his denial and agreed to marry his victim. Soon after, however, he again changed his mind and sought to throw the responsibility upon innocent persons.

—Henry H. Bingham, Postmaster of Philadelphia, has issued the following instructions to carriers: "In consequence of the delay and time lost through the neglect at private residences to respond promptly to the call of the letter-carriers, and the greatly increased business under the free delivery system, the Post Office Department has given instructions that not more than thirty seconds shall be allowed for the delivery of each letter. If the carrier's call is not answered within that time, he will note the fact in pencil upon the letter, take it with him, and deliver it on the next trip. Letters cannot be delivered by placing them under doors. The Post Office Department therefore urges the placing of private letter-boxes upon all dwelling houses, offices, stores, &c."

—The water furnished by the different companies of London has recently been the subject of examination. A comparison was made with a sample of London sewage, which had been allowed to soak through five feet of earth, and no sewage was found to contain a smaller portion of injurious elements than the drinking water. A comparison was also made with samples of the water taken from fifty condemned shallow wells, and the examination showed that the water of only ten of the condemned wells contained a larger proportion of organic impurities than that daily furnished for use by three of the principal companies. Only two companies supply pure water. The remarkable and singular fact that the companies notorious for supplying the worst water have the largest number of consumers.

—The oyster trade in New Orleans employs 3,000 persons, and the sum realized for the bivalve in the shell on the wharves is $1,250,000 annually. From the Mississippi River along the Gulf coast to the Sabine, going westward, and from the Mississippi River, going eastward as far as Mobile Bay, are continuous beds of oysters of natural growth, of a quality varying according to locality, but upon an average fully equal to any in the world. The bayous, lagoons, inlets, lakes, and bays are filled with them, and the supply may be fairly said to be inexhaustible. These facts are generally acknowledged to be the best, and it is in the net-work of water courses running through Plaquemines, Jefferson, Lafourche, and Terrebonne parishes, and emptying into Barataria, Timballer, and Terrebonne bays, that New Orleans dealers seek their main supplies.

—In Boone County, Kentucky, there is a family whose singular manner of living, and other peculiarities, excite general interest. The head of the family is a native of Scotland, an educated man, well read, and of fine conversational powers. He does nothing for the support of his family, and, although they are in an almost starving condition, is devoting his time to the study of the Greek language. While he is thus engaged they are living in a miserable log cabin without floor or windows, and with scarcely food enough to keep them from starving. The woman has neither education nor sense; in fact, the only thing she has worth speaking of is tits. She gives the family what attention it gets, and prepares the food sent them by neighbors, while her husband is engaged in his classical studies, or in prowling about the neighborhood, reading essays to his acquaintances. People suppose that he is crazy, and in the spring an effort will be made to provide in some way for him and his helpless family.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

Peoria was laid out, in 1826, by a son of Alexander Hamilton.

—A young man was severely stabbed in a fight which arose during religious services at Sand Creek, Shelby County.

—Colonel Clark E. Carr has sold the Galesburg *Republican* to Messrs. Orbville & Grubb. The daily issue will be discontinued on Saturday next.

—Three daughters of John S. Owens, of Galena, Mrs. Wykoff, Mrs. Simmons, and Mrs. Houy, have each lost a child within the last ten days, of cerebro spinal-meningitis.

MICHIGAN.

Jennie Streeter, of Wayne County, 14 years of age, has earned $36.25 since November, by trapping rabbits.

—Hattie C. Root, of Coldwater, has been appointed to a clerkship in the Treasury Department.

—Jackson has organized a Temperance Light Guard, with 54 members, under the Captaincy of Charles A. Perry.

—George Monroe, of Albion, who sued the Michigan Central Railroad for $10,000 for personal injuries, as been offered $2,000 and costs as a compromise.

IOWA.

Cedar Falls has a telegraph school.

—The Mississippi River at Davenport is 541 feet above the gulf.

—Hon. Wm. McMarshman, door-keeper of the Senate, died on Tuesday at Des Moines. In 1866 he was Senator from Warren County.

—An Independence damsel having offended a gentleman at the late leap-year party, he has sent his big sister to demand an apology.

—The Dubuque *Democrat* makes a humane suggestion for the organization of a society "for the protection of children with bare legs from the cruelty of mothers."

—The widow of Martin E. Kaier, of Dubuque, the deceased member,—has had the mileage, stationery, and postal allowances of her husband transmitted to her.

—William Samuel, an inmate of the Dubuque County Poor House, died last Sunday. For seven weeks he lived without food or nourishment other than a daily allowance of a pint of whiskey.

INDIANA.

A young gent at Lafayette deposits all his surplus earnings in a savings bank, for the one who is to be his future wife—the name yet to him unknown.

—Mr. Thomas Wilson has purchased a tract of land of Mr. William Trantner, in Dubois County, under which is a vein of cannel-coal six feet thick.

—Watson & Co., of Knightsville, will soon begin to sink their oil-well. They have made arrangements to go down 2,000 feet, and if they do not find the oleaginous fluid at this depth, they may run across something else of value.

—The Louisville *Commercial* says: "It was a matter of surprise to many people that the Clark County Grand Jury were discharged with out any attempt to investigate the atrocious murder of the Park family and the subsequent lynching of the negroes. The difficulty was in obtaining witnesses to testify what they know. They were awed by a lawless gang of ruffians who infest that county. The witnesses were there, but the knife hung over them. We were advised some days ago of the approaching debonement of this mystery, and have, from what seems strong evidence, believed the negroes to be innocent. We believe that ere long the facts in the case will be evolved, and the guilty parties compelled to show their hands."

WISCONSIN.

An Oshkosh man, the other day, discovered that one of his hens had laid an egg, on the shell of which was inscribed the legend, "War with England, 1872."

—The LaCrosse *Democrat*, of Tuesday, says: "At a special meeting of the Council, last evening, a resolution was adopted, allowing the city to vote $125,000 bonus to the first road coming into this city from Lake Michigan *via* Neillaville and the Black River Valley."

—The Belgian Consul at Green Bay has been notified that the sum of $5,000 has been received by M. Maurice Delfosse, Belgian Minister at Washington, as a contribution by the Belgian Government and the citizens of Brussels, for the relief of the Belgian sufferers by the Peshtigo fire.

The Chinese and Japanese Indemnity Fund.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The presence of the Japanese Embassy in our city has suggested to me that this would be a suitable occasion to call attention to the effort now being made to get Congress to appropriate certain "funds," paid by the Japanese and Chinese Governments to the United States as an indemnity for losses which our citizens sustained in the conflicts which have occurred in that section of the globe for the purpose of endowing a college in each of those countries. Although this plan is suggested by many eminent persons, whose opinions are entitled to much weight, would it not be well to consider whether this is the best disposition which can be made of the said funds? It is universally conceded by our people that if such a fund really exists, it would not be right to use it for our own purposes, but that it should be applied to some object which would serve to develop the interests of the above mentioned countries. Now, it strikes me that the best possible means of accomplishing this end would be to use this fund for the purpose of founding an "Oriental" or, rather, "Asiatic" museum at the west of our Government, which would illustrate and make known to the world at large the history, philology, customs, and manners of those wonderful people, and their acquirements and progress in various arts and sciences, as well as their natural progress. I firmly believe that such an institution, under the control of the Executive of the American Institution, and co-operating with that Institution, would do more toward encouraging trade and developing the natural resources of the Asiatic countries than a dozen colleges founded in the manner proposed. And it would have the higher and nobler result of causing those nations to be properly appreciated by the world at large, and destroy much of the narrow provincialism which now exists in our country, by showing our people the state of perfection which has been reached by these "Heathens" in many of the arts. I assume you there are many things in which *they* would be the instructors and we the pupils. Every person who has been in those countries will tell you that the specimens exhibited in our "China" stores, as the best work of the Chinese and Japanese, give but little idea of the work accomplished by them, much of which would prove good models for our artizans to imitate, if they could. Besides this material advantage, such a museum would serve to perpetuate the documents and records of a civilization, which must ultimately pass away before the march of modern progress, and in future ages the scholar would render us thanks for having founded such an institution. As to the idea of forcing a people to accept a new religion by the indifferent success which has attended the efforts of the French in their undertaking. Such feelings as the possession of a few such individuals will would be but little better than sinecures. Those Governments are not by any means ripe for the reception of Christianity, and we awakens them to the fact of their inferiority, they will found colleges of their own. I think it would be well for our authorities to look to the appointment of a limited number of cadets to our Military and Naval Schools from those nations, and to let our colleges they can have, will be the personal contact and knowledge of our people; but I do not think that they are so ignorant of us as we are of them. Hoping this idea may meet with a favorable consideration at your hands, I remain yours, &c.,

A TRAVELLER AND COSMOPOLITAN.

CHICAGO, Feb. 29, 1872.

ABUSES OF THE TAX SYSTEM.

How to Reform Them.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: As this seems to be the age of reforms, I should like to call attention to one which is greatly needed.

Every one who owns real estate in Chicago has at some time been disposed to regard the possession of it almost as a misfortune, the taxes and assessments have often been so onerous, and the payment of them so hedged in by difficulties, that it is never possible to know that they have all been paid.

I will describe a case illustrative of the existing abuses:

After much waiting, and loss time of and temper, we have paid our city tax, and all the assessments of which we were informed. We congratulate ourselves on having done all that is required. But, alas! we have overlooked some little assessments—for a lamp-post, or for the paving of a street two blocks away—and calmly the operator in tax titles, who has bought our lot (or, it may be, a piece of it) waits the expiration of two years, when he receives the Sheriff's deed, and then informs us that we can clear our title for $500.

Perhaps we have exercised such a stirring vigilance as to have avoided this danger.

There is another which no human foresight can avert.

We have paid our taxes and obtained the receipts, and leave the crowded room and feted air with a sigh of relief and a feeling of security.

We do not yet know the vicissitudes in the life of a tax payer. The clerk has been hurried and perplexed by the multitude of calls upon him, and failed to mark our lot as paid. It is sold for the tax, and in our next abstract the title will appear defective. Considerable trouble will be given, but the only alternative is to pay for its release, or have recourse to expensive litigation.

We might have avoided this danger by inspecting the books. This we are not allowed to do, the great Moguls behind the windows holding in their hands the keys to the cages of their victims, and the inspection is the fine for the privilege of paying the tax.

After a severe labor, a strain on body and mind, has to be gone through with once more during the year, in order to discharge our duty to the State and to the city, as well as to ourself.

If I have not already trespassed too far upon your space, let me suggest a simple remedy for this crying evil.

On application at the City Collector's office, let the owner of real estate receive a statement of all the property for which he pays, and of all claims for taxes and assessments for the past year. On payment of the total amount so stated, let him receive a receipt in full from the city, and all and all claims whatsoever of the city against his property for the year named. If any error be made, let the city be mulcted upon the oath of the innocent owner. The city can hold the Collector responsible for his mistakes.

To many it may be inconvenient to pay all the taxes for the year at one time; but if it be deemed advisable to divide the burden, let the terms of receipt be given by the County Treasurer.

Every man in the State who owns a foot of land is interested in the adoption of a method of collecting taxes by which he can pay them with less difficulty, and feel that no claim can possibly be coming afterward, with a thousand per cent added to the original amount. If the city needs unpaid tax, of which he had no knowledge.

The Legislature is in session, and will you not urge upon them the passage of a bill which will, indeed, be a "relief" to the whole State!

A VICTIM.

CHICAGO, Feb. 29, 1872.

The Case of Rev. L. D. Huston.

From the Cincinnati Commercial.

A telegram from Baltimore appeared in the Western papers a few days ago announcing a shocking scandal in that city relating to the Rev. L. D. Huston. This morning we publish from one of the Baltimore papers particulars of the affair. It also from Mr. Huston himself concerning the affair. Aside from the character of Mr. Huston which is his surest refuge and defence, it seems to us that the story, so far as told, does not hang together. Standing by itself, it is quite credible. It appears that a school girl in Baltimore was detected in an improper intimacy. She was frightened at the exposure, and called together all the moral sensibility she was capable of, to tell, seems to have exerted herself to make the largest sensation possible. Her own character lost, she desired the largest possible destruction of character. So she asserted that Dr. Huston seduced her when she was 14 years of age, and named some of the most respectable young ladies she was in the habit of visiting. It is shown clearly, the Baltimore paper says, that the young ladies were not guilty. Then the girl, as to them, lied, and it would seem to be extremely probable that she lied about Dr. Huston also. The mysterious disappearance of the Doctor from Baltimore is referred to. He is with his brother-in-law in Alexandria, ill with health, and, as we are informed, yielded to the advice of friends in leaving Baltimore. This was, perhaps, injudicious, as there is no fence which will keep off slander as it can be lived down so well as on the spot where it originated. Baltimore is the battle ground between the Methodist Church South and the liberal Methodist organization. The contest has been carried on with the utmost Christian bitterness. Dr. Huston, as a champion of the Church South, has not been without a share of enemies; and there is a state of feeling in Baltimore that would be likely to warm up and magnify an unwholesome story. On the presumption of the innocence of Dr. Huston of the crime charged against him, it would be difficult to decide, in the absence of the complete history of the case, such as only can come out on thorough investigation, whether the girl was most thoughtless or malicious. Certainly an analysis of her motives can not be made without a knowledge of her character; but it seems entirely possible that she desired to associate her own fall with that of those she had been taught to honor, and thus to obscure her misfortune in the midst of a public catastrophe. Dr. Huston's card simply denies, in the most

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Our Own Correspondent.
NEW YORK, Feb. 28.

REFORM MOVEMENTS.

ast letter the Reformers have ness meeting at Cooper Institurpose of securing a popular of the new city charter preparmittee of Seventy. This was essary by the course taken by ure, some of the members of been using their best endeavors l reform legislation proposed. been six weeks in session the journal of the city not done anything as not only not done anything of this city, but by its coquetmmany Hall has given hope to eves that they may find some ng satisfied; although, as a undisturbed state of this able argument. GATH.

IN CANADA.

Travise — His Lecture.

London, Feb. 28.
hich has taken place of this new jail took nd, in rear of the old, he unfortunate victim ohn Travise, who as ber, was convicted of n Johnston, a farmer, Elmsbury, by shooting in the 23d of last Noice from the murdered native prompting to a ase appeared to be a murdered man subsequently, and by his saying at the character of g girl named Nichols, mer residing in the whom Travise was payDeputy Sheriff Skinner about a quarter to 9 lately set about making execution. The Sheriff, Richardson and then the exto the condemned man's o'clock, when the prowas gone through. The ded to the scaffold about fifty persons were e officers of the jail, se, and the members of w other privileged per-

man ascended the scaffold, and on reaching the top turned and in a low tone the following confession.

friends, before I die, that only shot him, but I intend- God that I am innocent of a awful thing to shoot any e dear man is heaven. here to-day and I have to- other side. I have just to- rew stream, and then I shall

the drop, and the Sheriff the condemned man's cap, others shook hands with at a long farewell. The rope secured the black cap over his head, moments the drop unhappy young man of the Rev. James a prayer at the time. He nes throughout, and died e, the neck having been ed. Two of the thirteen nuts of the body were

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

the flippant manner in which peorally speak of the Father of his ons was apparent on Tuesday night, anized with him during

hen I was young, about six mother was very fond, when age of, and by my wicked ought sorrow. When I was ntary volunteers, and went ready, but I continued with e step, and the sad company being stopped at Fredericksburg, I drank for the company of my , and gave myself up a good ny companions indulged in, and notwithstanding this solidity to 18 feet beyond the masonry, for ence from the musket-balls frequency of the boulders is rather remarkable (under the circumstances) that the entered scale; therefore time the day remains the same, and rem very different.

ing has gone through in sinking be better illustrated by a sketch, portions of the main tunnel and the ch back.

[Here a diagram illustrating the is given, but not irreparable; Claflin's ed below the river bed; first, a sand- ; then a stratum of hard sand, and this continues downg this point where the main tunnel ; then comes a layer of good, tough 0 or 20 feet below in dry clay and ad the troublesome material comes ed it weaves the small drifts (the main tunnels) is being excavated. ed Ostriches like a Green Bay s in fact, there is no resisting ssful—if she "goes for" a man that ; but as a matter of course we subscribe as he is to take cocktail. How well I remember the time she "went for" me, mistaking me for a man. I was seated in a private car of a prominent Federal official. The ederal personage had retired for a moment, and I was, accordingly, in waltzed with ladies, a neat, true-looking woman, with ing gait, and a jaunty hat and feathe upper end of her. ing, she came up to my seat, and, with a very pretty smile, said: "Mr. Smith, I presume?" I was taken aback for one time and two motions." ... ed by my side, very close. I ... the door, but her formidable ... me to subscribe; I begged to be ... She said I must subscribe. Then she laid her little hand upon my arm, and looked at me. She implored me to subscribe, and rolled her eyes at me. She begged me to subscribe; and the tones of voice in which those eyes spoke went through me like a streak of lightning. She coaxed, and she flattered; I begged off. Things were getting desperate; those hands were approaching my pocket-book; somebody might come in, and—the people of this world are fearfully suspicious. To save my reputation, I subscribed, and paid my $4, which the gentle lady whipped into a pocket book which she drew from somewhere in the vicinity of her chin. She then pulled from her pocket a book in which she desired me to write my name. I did so, signing my name, which it is John Smith. "What!" said the Woodhull, "is your name Smith?" "It is indeed, I replied with the dignity becoming Smith, and a John Smith too. "Why, ain't you Tom Murphy?" "Not a Tom," said I. "Why, my dear fellow," she said, "I thought you were Tom Murphy, and that I'd got to work hard to coax you over. But where is Tom? I must catch Tom sure." I told her Tom would not be in for a week, and so got rid of her. But that's the way subscriptions are obtained for Woodhull & Claflin's *Weekly*—no wonder it is a success, with those eyes going around soliciting subscribers. And so the *Revolution* is dead.

Two more ladies are announced to enter the journalistic field, viz: Miss Laura Keene and Emma Wellington Nivert. Both of these will be remembered as actors, the former a very fine one, the latter a most capable manager of the (new) Olympic Theatre on Broadway. Mrs. Nivert was formerly known as one of the Welsh Sisters, who did vaudeville and burlesque business throughout the country in a mediocre manner. These ladies are announced as the editors of "an illustrated journal of the polite world," which is to be issued by the "Fine Arts Publishing Company." The details of this scheme have not yet been made public, but from what I have learned I am of the opinion that it will not survive its first month. Indeed, if it is not still-born, I shall be surprised; for, as the price is announced at 50 cents a number, it is not likely to become popular.

"THE CITY."

The magazine bearing the above title, which made its first appearance on the 1st of January, and which amused many friends by its excellent articles, its beautiful illustrations, and its fine typography, has not reached its second number. Indeed the enterprise may be considered dead, although I have a note from its editor, in which he expresses strong hopes of making such arrangements as will secure its revival. *The City* was undertaken by some young and enterprising journalists, who, possessing talent and energy, but no capital, and who proposed to conduct it on a sort of co-operative plan, their share of the work was well done, but the lack of capital was fatal. Queen Isabella, that you can't do business without money,—that is, if you are honest, and who ever knew a journalist who was otherwise? We mourn *The City*, for the many vigor displayed at its birth gave promise of a sturdy manhood and ripe and venerable age. Its untimely death will tend to discourage our young and talented brothers of the quill here and elsewhere for some time to come.

INVESTIGATIONS.

There is a perfect mania in our midst for investigations. No man in office now dare sneeze without danger of being investigated. Congress set the example by sending several Senators here ostensibly to investigate Custom House matters. Then the State Legislature followed the example by sending Committees here to investigate the insurance business, the savings banks system, the emigration bureau, the Quarantine commission, the Harbor Masters, the park gravel contracts, and the corrupt judiciary, to say nothing of two or three Committees sent to investigate election frauds in various districts. Of all these investigations that of judicial corruption is the most important. The seances are held in secret, but it is known that the official acts of Judges Cardozo and Barnard, of the Supreme Court, are being pretty thoroughly overhauled, with a view to their impeachment. Judge Cardozo has been known as the "great American *habeas corpuser*," and it is asserted that two or three of his pet lawyers carried *habeas corpus* papers around in their pockets, signed in blank by the Judge, so that when any political shoulder-hitters got into trouble they could be *habeased* without delay. Since Cardozo has been on the bench he has released 200 prisoners released from the Penitentiary by *habeas corpus*, and of these Cardozo released 195. The cost of getting a *habeas* is about $300, and if the Judge got one-half he did very well. But the peculiarity of such a transaction was not of so much account as its political effect. It has been well understood for a long time that it was impossible to lock up certain well-known thieves, for, if the magistrate ventured to commit them, Cardozo would release them. Once out on *habeas corpus*, the District Attorney pigeon-holed the complaint. All the present election "Jimmy" O'Brien arranged with a gang of thieves to abandon Tammany Hall and vote for him, but just before election they notified him that they dare not do it, because the District Attorney had sent them word that if they went back on Tammany Hall he would bring out all the indictments he had pigeon-holed, pack a jury, and send every one of them to State Prison. As it is known that he has 1,800 of these indictments stowed away, he rules the criminal classes with a Damoclesian sword at election times. Judge Cardozo has filed a protest against Sam Tilden sitting on the Committee which is to investigate him. He claims that Tilden is his personal enemy, and sought the place in the Legislature expressly for the purpose of waging war on him.

The Quarantine investigation shows that the Health Officer of this port, Dr. Carnochan, possesses almost despotic powers, and is susceptible to the blandishment of greenbacks. Those merchants who have refused to bribe either him or his subordinates, have had great difficulty, and been subjected to long delay and heavy expenses in getting their vessels through Quarantine. The testimony shows that he was in collusion with warehousemen, stevedores, and lighterment, and that nearly every cent that came on all the business he threw in their way. His plan was to detain a ship at Quarantine, compel her to discharge cargo in the bay, use his influence to have the cargo, the lighters to move it to his warehouses, and his tugs to tow the lighters. Taking it all around, his perquisites amounted to about $100,000, while his subordinates stole without stint. The probability is that a reform in Quarantine affairs will be inaugurated speedily.

GOTHAM MITES.

The ice dealers are combining to increase the price of ice for the coming season from $4 to $8 per ton.

Preparations are on foot to have an extensive celebration of St. Patrick's Day,—the 17th day of March. Remembering the 12th of July, many persons predict a riot.

Lent is more generally observed this year than ever before in New York. Not only are Catholics and Episcopalians keeping it in their customary manner, but all other denominations are taking advantage of the season to get up revivals and increased interest in religious affairs.

The Dock Commissioners are preparing for their spring work, and promise great results this season, if they are not legislated out of office. Work on the Brooklyn bridge has been resumed on the Brooklyn side. Workmen have been engaged all winter in sinking the caisson for the foundation of the tower on the New York side. The Brooklyn tower has reached the height at which the bridge will be suspended. *Very* young people expect to live long enough to cross it.

HAROLD.

Making Fun of Tupper.

The Saturday *Review* observes: Mr. Martin F. Tupper—he then who, forty years agone, took up this rhythmic strain,—by the publication of the fourth series of "Proverbial Philosophy" has at length brought his *magnum opus* to its close. The proud, but well-earned motto of his title page is *Jamque opus exegi*. Not only has he completed his task, but he takes leave of his "romance." He says that he "Now will resume, for this last time, his first old style of proverbs,

And then forever lay aside the harp of Sirach's son."

The harp is laid aside before the hand that touched it has lost its cunning. Of its magic power, Mr. Tupper has had ample proof. Whatever flights of poetic fancy, of inspired thoughts, of noble words, of harmonious numbers, Mr. Tupper has in earlier youth, eight lusters back, "remains with him now after years and years of studious toil," of "musing reverie by night, and day's fastidious care." Ay, and day's fastidious care, with all his poetic powers as vigorous as ever, he should not go on to a fifth, or even to a sixth series, it is not for us to say. His Proverbial Philosophy" at present consists of about sixteen thousand lines. Ling, as he himself pronounced it, has not published, every line he wrote. On the contrary, "only a little is stored, the nine parts lie ungarnered." If we understand him rightly he shall not be wrong in inferring that he has either no manuscript or in his brain, including also what is here printed, no less than one hundred and sixty thousand more unpublished lines. Let him not be too modest, but take the confidence that those who have already bought fifty editions of his first series will be ever eager for more, and so long as he can furnish a supply will never slacken their demands. "Nearly a million copies" is the demand, "Nearly a million copies of *Clafin's Household*" is the boast of Mrs. Lydia Pinkham, and Mr. Tilton, too, transfers his allegiance from Bullard to Woodhull. This was the straw which broke the camel's back. The loss of Woodhull is very, very great, but not irreparable; Claflin's paper will still survive. Andrew is a tough old hand, and this continues downward, and Stephen Pearl Andrews, the establishment by them of *Woodhull & Claflin's Weekly*

FOREIGN.

Queen Victoria's Life Threatened by an Insane Irishman.

His Weapon of Destruction a Unloaded, Unservicеable Pistol.

Austria and France Offer the Pope an Asylum.

A Rupture Between Canada and the Home Government Predicted.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Feb. 29—Evening.—A miscreant, this afternoon, fired a pistol at Queen Victoria, while she was driving on Constitution Hill, but happily without effect. The would-be assassin was promptly arrested.

LONDON, Feb. 29—Midnight.—The excitement to-night over the report of the attempt on the life of the Queen is intense. Extras of the evening papers appeared in rapid succession as confirmatory details became known. Crowds are still collected in the streets discussing the news and awaiting further particulars. An official statement of the facts was promptly made in Parliament this evening, which, when it became known outside greatly relieved the public anxiety. While the House of Lords was in committee discussing the ecclesiastical bill, Lord Granville entered, and said he hoped their Lordships would excuse the sudden interruption of the proceedings, but he had an announcement to make which it was his strable should be made without delay. He then proceeded to state that at half-past 5 o'clock this evening the Queen, in returning from a drive, had reached Buckingham Palace, as her carriage stopped at the gate, a young man ran to the side and presented a pistol within a foot of the Queen's head. The Queen bent her head down to avoid the shot, but the pistol did not explode. The fellow in one hand held papers granting release to the Fenian prisoners, and in the other the pistol. Before he could have discharged.

Her Majesty was very calm, and showed the courage which she has often before exhibited. She had directed that a statement of the circumstances be immediately made in both houses of Parliament, in order to prevent exaggerated reports. Lord Granville said he would not dwell on the details, nor point to the contrast between the dastardly attempt and the extraordinary public exhibition of the nation's loyalty.

The Duke of Buckingham fitly expressed the thankfulness of the House at the escape of Her Majesty from danger.

Gladstone made a statement in the House of Commons similar to that of Lord Granville.

The would-be assassin was taken to the nearest Police Station. He gives his name as O'Connor, and is described as a native of Ireland. He lodged in the station was wild and his language incoherent. He boasted that he tried to reach the Queen on Tuesday last, but was prevented.

It is reported that the Queen is going to Germany, to visit her daughter, the Princess Imperial.

The Lord Mayor to-day presented an address to the Prince of Wales.

Some rioting occurred at Killarney, yesterday, on the arrival of the Member of Parliament for Kerry. The mob commenced to pelt the police with stones, when the latter charged on the mob. The police prepared to charge with fixed bayonets, but the crowd finally dispersed, and order was restored. No one seriously injured.

The pressure of the people witnessing the royal procession, and the fall of two stands occupied by spectators, caused the accident which many calamitous results than was at first supposed. It is now learned that five persons were killed and thirty injured.

The *Times* discusses the Alabama case, and says that England will pay nothing save what is required by the decisions to be rendered by the Geneva Tribunal. She never dreamed of offering any agreement of terms to settle difficulties outside of them. The Treaty was a failure, it is the fault of the American Government.

AUSTRALIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—The Nebraska left Sydney on the 20th of January, and Auckland on the 30th.

The gold fields advices continue very satisfactory. An immensely rich quartz reef has been found at Ungarie.

The Prince of Wales Theatre, and a number of houses in the vicinity burned on the 18th of January. Two lives were lost.

The damage is estimated at £40,000.

The expedition to New Guinea has started.

The home Government will be petitioned to prohibit the importation of cattle from Great Britain or the Continent, owing to the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease.

The Victoria ship Sussex, from London, was wrecked off Bass Straits on the 31st ult. Seventeen of the crew were drowned.

Intense heat prevailed during last week, with a shade temperature of 110°.

The duty upon Australian wines in England is causing great dissatisfaction.

Inspector Gilmore has just from Eyres Creek the remains of five white men he found buried there. They are supposed to have belonged to Leichardt's party.

A rich tin deposit has been found in Sippeland; also lead, a mine of rich ore.

The construction of a railroad to Beachworth is being pushed rapidly.

A new theatre, the largest in the Colonies, is being erected in Melbourne.

The Queensland line of telegraph is completed from Brisbane to Normon River, a distance of 500 miles.

The Parliamentary deadlock is likely to be removed.

The South Australia overland telegraph is proceeding satisfactorily, and the line is now open eleven hundred miles from Adelaide.

Over a hundred thousand tons of grains are available for export in New Zealand.

The Fraser gold mining fields is decreasing. Last year's returns were 361,501 ounces.

Kercops, the murderer of Rev. Mr. Volkner, has been hanged at Napier.

There is a severe drought, and all the crops but hay, will be poor.

The Hokeki have been almost exterminated by attacks from the natives.

The Government is undecided what to do with the murderers of Wahoo tone's party.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Feb. 29.—The Committee on Capitulations in the Assembly is examining into the facts connected with the surrender of Metz by Marshal Bazaine. Delegates from the Municipal Council of Metz have arrived in Paris to testify against the charges. The Committee will hear the testimony of the delegation on the 5th of March.

PARIS, Feb. 29.—The *Rappel* newspaper, the publication of which was suspended some time ago, has again appeared.

The Count de Chambord has made arrangements for permanent residence at the Hague.

It is reported that Thiers has again offered the Pope the hospitality of France, and that Austria has tendered the Hofburg Salzburg Castle for a residence.

PARIS, Feb. 29.—The Assembly has resolved to adjourn on the 10th of March.

Count de Chambord has left Dordrecht for Breda.

ITALY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—A Naples letter says: Vesuvius is lively again, after a long period of inaction. A month ago the smoke was very delicate. Then it began to get denser, and faded at times with puffs of ashes. These more recently have been followed by other projectiles, and the Naples Pungolo of Feb. 8 says fire can be seen from the crater every night. The movement appears at three distinct points. Fears are entertained of a serious outbreak.

ROME, Feb. 9.—General Magnani Minister of War, has requested the Chamber of Deputies to vote an appropriation of 12,000,000 lires to enable him to provide for the proper training of the army, and for the erection of buildings for the accommodation of the troops.

General Garibaldi publishes a denial of the report that he is connected with the International Society.

WEST INDIES.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—A letter from Hayti in the *Sun* says 70 Spanish Representatives recently waited on King Amadeus of Madrid with unqualified proofs of the innocence of the young students condemned to the chain gang. The King telegraphed Valmaseda at Havana to release the students at once, but Valmaseda, in collusion with the fanciest pretense that the volunteers would assassinate the lads as soon as they are out of prison.

HAVANA, Feb. 28.—The Grand Duke Alexis and suite landed here yesterday afternoon, and were received by Captain General Valmaseda, the city authorities, and other prominent military and civil gentlemen, through which the procession passed were decorated with banners and he himself with the thousands of spectators. Captain General Valmaseda, the Marquesado Cobo, the Governor of Havana, and the Russian Consul dined with the Prince last evening, and a State dinner was given at the palace to-day.

CANADA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—An Ottawa dispatch states that Hon. James Howe condemns the policy of England in withdrawing troops from Canada, neglects to negotiate between the Home Government and the Dominion.

[or understanding is not arrived at, he urges immediate action. He says that he speaks for the Canadians, and asks the people to prepare for a separation.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, Feb. 29.—The extension of the fortifications of Metz and Strasbourg has been decided.

AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—All arrivals from Monrovia reports that the ex-President of the Republic, who was imprisoned for malpractice, has escaped from custody.

South Carolina Legislature.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 29.—A joint resolution has been introduced in the Legislature proposing an amendment to the Constitution to be submitted to the voters for ratification, the Legislature assembly to create any further debt or obligation except to meet its existing obligations, and ordinary and current business of the State, without the consent of two-thirds of the voters at a general election, unless the debt thus created will probably be paid without such consent. The resolution will probably be adopted without serious opposition.

A bill has passed both Houses, repealing an act which was passed at the late "Shooting Frolic" in Darlington County.

ILLINOIS.

Editorial Gathering at Springfield—Address of Association Filed.

Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 29.—The Executive Committee and other members of the Illinois Press Association met at the Leland Hotel, in this city, to-day. Among the members present were Col. John Moses, of the Decatur *Republican*, President of the Association; E. S. Golding, Secretary; Governor Oglesby, *Journal*; Hon. Shelby M. Cullom, Jr., *Register*; Hon. Henry Asbury, *Republican*; Samuel Fallow, Legislative correspondent, and others. After an informal meeting it was decided to hold the next annual convention at the city of Champaign, the second Tuesday in September next. The capital of the occasion will be 7 H. Oberly, of the Cairo *Bulletin*, and the Poet will be Bryant Reaves of the Chicago *Evening Mail*. The poem of the occasion has not been arranged, but may take in Indianapolis and Cincinnati, and maybe Baltimore and Washington.

The following certificates of association were filed with the Secretary of State to-day. The Venice Estate Co. of Venice, Hill county, capital $100,000. The Metropolitan Gas Co., of Chicago capital stock $500,000. The incorporators are Henry Ahrens, Philip Philips, Elliott Anthony, Thomas S. Dobbins and Robert R. N. Hough. The Aroma Paper Company, of Kankakee, Ill., capital stock $15,000.

Articles of assessment of the Scottsdale, Carrollton, and St. Louis Railroad Company were signed and sealed to-day. The capital stock of the Company is $1,500,000, divided into fifteen thousand shares of one hundred dollars each; the principal office of the Company to be located at Carrollton, Green County.

The case of Captain D. C. Robbins, who killed young Beaumont while resisting an arrest, commenced in the Circuit Court to-day. Robbins pleaded not guilty to the indictment. After repeated efforts, and the rejection of sixty or seventy persons as jurors, a panel was finally selected, and the case formally opened. The examination of the witnesses will commence to-morrow.

Steamboat Arrangements at Quincy—Identified—Ice Jam.

Special despatch to the Chicago Tribune.

QUINCY, Ill. Feb. 29.—Captain Hall, proprietor of the Independent Packet Line, sold one in-day to the Keokuk Packet Company, and will take possession of one of the latter company's boats. This will be bad news to Quincy shippers, as it ends the competition which for several years had existed. Apply to JOS. B. BICKERDIKE, 61 South Halsted-st.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Applications have been received from 150 societies to participate in the International Festival Chorus, in Boston, representing all parts of the country.

The Carroll county *Gazette* office burned on Tuesday night, and is a total loss; insured in the Ætna for $1,500. The Tompson *Courier*, Shannon *Gazette*, and Rock City *Gazette* were issued from the same office.

—Twenty guns were fired at Madison, Wis., last night, in honor of the opening of the Janesville Canal, and the arrival at the head of the locks of the Keokuk Packet Company's boats, Fannie Lewis and Post Boy. There is great rejoicing along the river here.

A force and effect three-master was discovered about eight miles out of Milwaukee, in a helpless condition, yesterday morning, drifting southward. She is supposed to have been the Lon Higby, owned by Sylvester, Lyman & Lon Higby, of Pentwater. The vessel passed through a terrific storm, but it was impossible to tell if any one was aboard.

The case of A. R. Lotta, who was arrested some months ago at Monroe, Wis., as a heavy dealer in counterfeit money, has been on trial in the United States Court in Madison for the past few days. Saturday disagreed last night, nine finding for acquittal and three for conviction. Lotta was released on $1,000 bonds.

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